

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Masakuni NODA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1633
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Application No.: 10/500,911	)	Examiner: Quang NGUYEN
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371 (c) Date: July 8, 2004	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 7125
I.A. Filing Date: January 9, 2003	)	
	)	
For: SCREENING METHOD	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2009, the date for response having been extended to December 2, 2009, by a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.